(*g*) Mr. A. M. Saravanaperumal Pillai is still the contractor for the work, his accounts not having been yet closed. But he has been served with a final notice cancelling his contract as he is not doing any work now.

About 90 per cent. of the masonry work has been done by the contractor.

Subdivision of Ranni Pakuthi.

146. **MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*): (1) Does not the yearly revenue of the Ranni *pakuthi* as per *ayacut* accounts amount to Rs. 32,000 and as per other heads to Rs. 30,000?

(2) Are the Government aware that the amount recoverable under *ayacut* accounts was only about Rs. 4,000 at the time of the Settlement?

(3) Has not the number of *tandaper*-holders increased from 2,400 at the time of the Settlement to about 8,000 at the present day?

(4) Do the Government know that the total area of this *pakuthi* comes to 87·66 square miles?

(5) Will the Government consider the question of splitting the said *pakuthi* into two, so as to facilitate the collection of tax and other proceedings?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) No. The figures under the two heads are, respectively, Rs. 29,765 and Rs. 28,567.

(2) The amount recoverable under *ayacut* at the time of the last Settlement was Rs. 13,460.

(3) The number of *tandaper*-holders has increased from Rs. 2,953 to Rs. 7,980.

(4) Yes.

(5) It will not be feasible to split up the *pakuthi* before the next Revenue Settlement.

New Roads in Shertallai.

147. **MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Public Works Department has received any communication for a few miles of new roads urgently required for Shertallai; and

(*b*) whether any action was taken thereon?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Chief Engineer has received a communication dated the 17th Medam 1102 from Mr. K. Sivarama Panikkar, M. L. C., and from some other persons.

(*b*) The Chief Engineer, during his tour in Shertallai, in July 1927, discussed the matter with Mr. Sivarama Panikkar and, according to the conclusions arrived at then, has already undertaken the necessary investigation.

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